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E. O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PINT, MO, MR

SUBJ: VISIT OF MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO RABAT

1. THE NEW MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, CHEIKH
OULD MOHAMED LAGDHAF, MADE A BRIEF VISIT TO MOROCCO
JULY 14-15 TO ASSURE RABAT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD
MAINTAIN CLOSE TIES WITH ITS NORTHERN NEIGHBOR.
CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM MAURITANIA'S NEW GOVERNMENT,
LAGDHAF CONFERRED WITH KING HASSAN AND SENIOR GOM
OFFICIALS AFTERNOON OF JULY 14. AFTER THE MEETING,
MAURITANIAN FORMIN EXPRESSED HIS QUOTE GREAT
SATISFACTION END QUOTE WITH THE TALKS AND REITERATED
THAT HIS VISIT TO MOROCCO WAS AIMED AT REAFFIRMING
TO KING HASSAN THE DESIRE OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO
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CONTINUE AND REINFORCE BILATERAL COOPERATION.
LAGDHAF TOLD PRESS ON ARRIVAL THAT THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES QUOTE COULD ONLY BECOME STRONGER END QUOTE. THE FONMIN LEFT FOR NOUAKCHOTT EARLY JULY FIFTEEN WITH A MESSAGE FROM THE KING TO MAURITANIAN LEADER LT. COL.
MUSTAPHA OULD MOHAMED SALEK. DURING HIS VISIT

LAGDHAF CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL LEAVE FOR THE KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT ON JULY 16.

2. GOM PRESS COMMENT ON THE NEW MAURITANIAN REGIME HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY FAVORABLE SINCE KING HASSAN'S POSITIVE COMMENTS TO PARIS MATCH ON JULY 12. SEMI-OFFICIAL MAROC SOIR EDITORIALIZED ON JULY 14 THAT THE RECENT DECLARATIONS OF LT. COL. SALEK HAVE SHOWN THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S FIDELITY TO THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH MOROCCO AND QUOTE DISSIPATED MANY ILLUSIONS AND DREAMS END QUOTE HELD BY QUOTE ALGERIA'S MERCENARIES END QUOTE I.E., THE POLISARIO.

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